

PRAYER CALENDAR

April 2025



“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
for the rights of all who are destitute.”

PROVERBS 31:8

APRIL

NORTH KOREA

1 April

Have you participated in Bible study? Did you meet Christians? They're standard questions for any North Koreans arrested in China and repatriated. Pray for protection for North Korean refugees.

2 April

As an Open Doors North Korean field worker in China, Han* risks her life to work with North Korean women trafficked to China. She asks: "Above all, pray for protection from spies and the Chinese government."

3 April

Recently, a few hundred North Koreans – most of them women – were sent back from China and repatriated to North Korea, where they are imprisoned. Please pray that God would draw them close to Him.

4 April

Han also asks that we pray for the salvation of the women she ministers to – "that they will receive Jesus who knocks on the door of their hearts."

5 April

Finally, Han asks us to pray for more workers like her and others who are willing to take risks to support North Korean Christians in China and introduce them to the Gospel."

SUDAN

6 April

The Sudan war has made it increasingly dangerous for Christians caught in the crossfire. Continue to ask God for rescue and peace.

7 April

Most Christians live in the capital city (the conflict's epicentre). Open Doors teams say these believers face an additional layer of suffering because of their faith and location. Pray for bold faith.

8 April

Many believers have been forced to flee the violence and now live displaced from their homes. Ask God to remind them that He is with them wherever they are.

9 April

Thank God for the safe release of 26 men – mostly Christians – detained while fleeing conflict. They were arrested, interrogated and accused of collaborating with opposing forces.

BANGLADESH

10 April

Pray with Kulsum* for strength and resilience. Her family is under immense pressure to renounce their faith. Local Islamic leaders are trying to ban their children from attending school.

11 April

Pray for this family's protection, asking God to keep them safe from threats and pressure and to watch

over their children during these difficult times.

12 April

Kulsum's husband is in hiding. Ask God to give him protection and peace so he can return home without fear. Pray they will sense God's presence guiding them through this adversity.

13 April

Today, on Palm Sunday, remember your persecuted family throughout the world who cannot openly celebrate Holy Week. Ask God to bring them beautiful reminders that the King has already conquered death.

In hiding in Bangladesh.



| NIGERIA

14 April

Today marks 11 years since more than 276 girls were kidnapped from their finishing school in Nigeria's

Chibok village. Pray for comfort and strength for believers whose loved ones – an estimated 91 – are still missing.

15 April

Answered prayer! After six years, Nigerian nurse Alice Loksha is free from her extremist captors! You may remember Alice. Boko Haram faction ISWAP kidnapped her. Since 2018, we have been praying for Alice's homecoming.

16 April

Pray for physical and spiritual healing for Alice and her child. In captivity, she was forced to marry two ISWAP commanders and gave birth to a son, who escaped alongside his mother.

17 April

Pray with Pastor Simon in Nigeria's Niger state, where thousands of Christians have been killed and displaced from their homes by extremist groups. "Stand for us fervently," he asks, "that we will be strong and will overcome at the end."

18 April

Today, on Good Friday, as we remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross, pray that our persecuted family who risk so much to follow Jesus would know how much their Saviour loves them.

19 April

On Holy Saturday, as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection, pray for protection from attacks as



believers gather in their local churches. Ask God to place His hand over their celebrations and guide their leaders.

20 April

“He is not here, for He has risen...” Praise God! Today, on Easter Sunday, pray that our persecuted family would grasp the hope and peace that Christ’s resurrection brings to our hurting world.

| NORTH AFRICA

21 April

Pray with a Christian brother who works translating the Bible into local languages. He asks for our prayers: “Where we are, we face very challenging conditions. Our goal is to ensure that the Gospel reaches everyone in the region.”

22 April

Another believer in North Africa asks us to pray for the children of Christian families who can become confused when all day at school they learn about Islam. Pray for families’ efforts to disciple their children.

23 April

Pray that children in the region would hear and know the truth and that it would take root in their lives. Ask God to help them keep their faith and remain steadfast in their pursuit.

| BHUTAN

24 April

Pastor Rajen has a simple request: He wants to worship with his congregation in Bhutan without persecution. But his church registration was denied. Praise God for resilient leaders like him.

25 April

When Pastor Rajen held services, his electricity and water were cut off. He’s taking his case to the government. Please pray with him and other Bhutanese Christians who just want to worship peacefully.

26 April

Please pray for Pastor Rajen’s family and the tenants struggling with water and electricity. Pray that God opens a way for them and provides for their urgent basic needs.

| MEXICO

27 April

This summer, 108 brothers and sisters from Chiapas State in Mexico were forced to flee their communities due to escalating violence. Among the displaced are children, women and the elderly. Pray for their provision and direction.

28 April

These displaced believers come from three evangelical churches. They have faced relentless threats from criminal gangs seeking to control the drug business in their territory. Praise God for their courage and ask Him to protect them.

| MALI

29 April

“Pay an Islamic tax – or flee.” This is the choice facing believers in a region in Mali, West Africa. Islamic militants have taken over their communities. Pray with our family, remembering “those who are mistreated” (Hebrews 13:3).

30 April

Ask God to be with these believers, giving them comfort and hope. Pray that He will help His people to continue to stand for Him even in what seems like an impossible situation. *God, be with Your people.*

Displaced believers in Mali.



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